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martyrdom and persecution. John worked on the Nauvoo Temple, receiving only half pay, in tithing credit, because he was so young. He saw the City Beautiful pillaged and was among those driven out by the mobs.

When his father, James McDonald, died of cholera on the plains, as eldest son, John assumed what he could of his widowed mother's burden. He had helped to acquire the cattle they were bringing west with them, and he understood how to care for them. Horses, cattle and farming were his life-long vocation.

During the Walker War, John served with distinction with his unit from Springville. In 1856 he was called to go east and help bring in the suffering handcart companies. On his return in December of that year he was married at Springville, Utah, to Mary Lucinda Cole.

Three months later there was another call for the newly married couple to answer. Brigham Young issued a call for all saints to join in a United Order. According to a receipt issued to John on February 3, 1857, the property he consecrated to the Lord included one acre of ground, farm land, three horses, two cows, one yearling, one wagon, one plow, 20 bushels of wheat, four bushels of oats and two days of hay, along with one bed, for a total value of \$459.

Still another call for public service came that same year. John was asked to go with the "YX" freighting company to build roads and bridges for the pioneer trail. This he did until he was honorably released. Then, following this assignment, John was asked to go back to the Missouri River to carry mail. He froze his feet and suffered many hardships on this mission, but his faith and courage remained undaunted.

When the United Order experiment failed, what was left of John's property was deeded back to him. He and his young wife decided to start a new home in the Provo River Valley. They arrived at Heber City with their babies in March, 1861. Through industrious efforts and wise management, they prospered. Thirteen children were born to them, but Mary Lucinda died at the still-born birth of the last one on February 16, 1882. Mother and child were buried together in Heber City Cemetery.

Her forty-two years of life had been

eventful and useful. She was born February 26, 1840, in Kirtland, Ohio. Her parents, Hugh Haggerty Cole and Susannah Winans, were pioneer members of the Church in Kirtland. As a little girl, Lucinda moved with her family to Iowa, where preparations were made to cross the plains. The Coles and the McDonalds were members of the Aaron Johnson company. Her later childhood was spent in Springville, Utah, where she learned to speak the Indian language. This ability was a valuable asset in the new community of Heber City.

Following her death, John struggled on to rear his motherless children, and lived to see them all married and well established. John was baptized in Ireland in 1842, ordained an Elder by Heber C. Kimball in 1857, ordained a High Priest by David Wood on February 10, 1866, set apart as a High Councilor in 1888, and ordained a Patriarch by Francis M. Lyman on February 11, 1901. He served two terms as commissioner in Wasatch County. He died in Heber on December 27, 1910.

His children and their dates of birth included: Mary Ann McDonald, November 17, 1857 (married David Fisher); John Henry, November 14, 1859 (died August 4, 1869); Sarah Jane, January 23, 1862 (married William Buys); Susannah Orilla, December 15, 1864 (died April 7, 1878); James Hugh, January 21, 1866 (married Eva Cluff); Joseph Smith, January 30, 1868 (married Mary Elizabeth Rasband); Andrew, January 16, 1870 (married Elizabeth Thatcher); Lydia Matilda, January 21, 1872 (died February 3, 1872); David Lorenzo, March 12, 1873 (married Sylvia Egger-son, Pauline Violet Jackson); Emma Verona, May 22, 1875 (married Charles Cluff); Eva Lucinda, September 7, 1877 (married Moroni Morris); and John William, November 11, 1879 (married Edna Nelson).